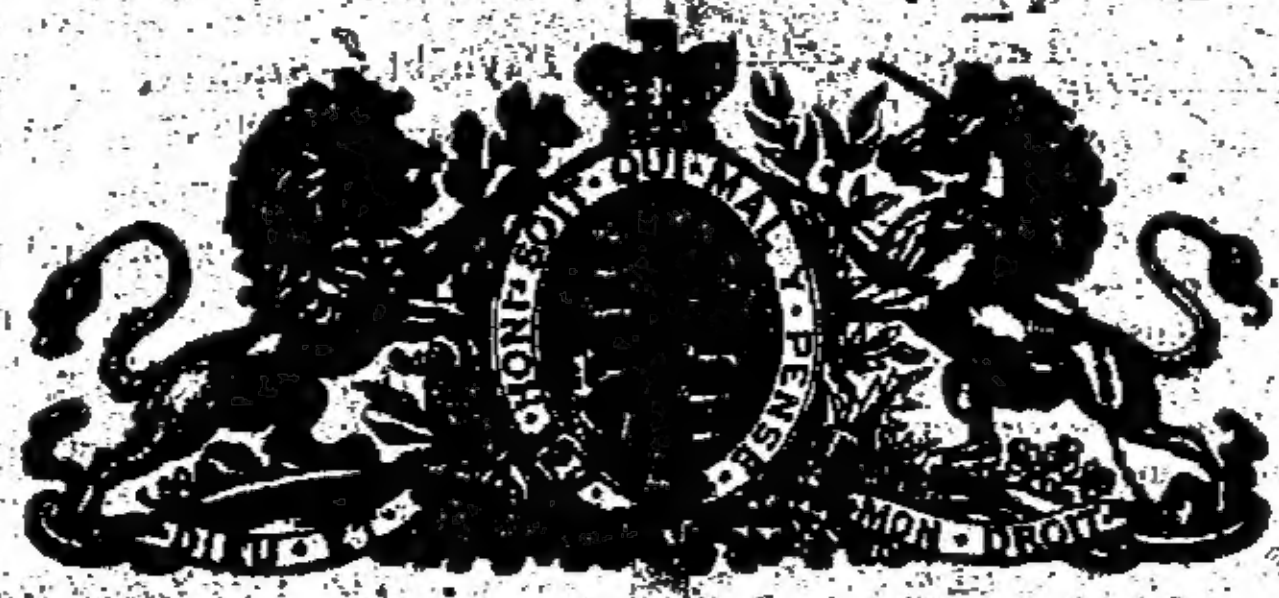


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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer *Prism*, are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Underigned, in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 14th January, 1876.

Goods undelivered after 21st January, 1876, will be subject to rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1876. ja21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Gange," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from Monday, the 17th January, Noon.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 p.m. This Day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 21st Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.

Hongkong, January 16, 1876. ja21

BRITISH BARK COLDSTREAM, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Barge IRIS, WENDY, Master, from Hamburg, are requested to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by WM. FUSCAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

NOW READY.

Price \$6.00.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

MR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876.

R. MEYER & Co.

Tientsin, January 1876. fe18

NOTICE.

MR. CARL KREBS has been duly authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.

MELOHRS & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876. fe18

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. Mr E. CONZANZ is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

HAVING resigned my situation in the "Yen Yee Hong," I have this day established myself as Merchant and Commission Agent under the style of STRA GERS & Co.

C. SUN GHEE.

Hongkong, November 11, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between JOSEPH THORNE and JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND, under the style of Thorne Brothers & Co., is this day dissolved by effluxion of time; either partner is authorized to sign the firm in liquidation.

THORNE BROTHERS & Co.

Dec 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above, the Business of the late Firm of Thorne Brothers & Co. will be conducted in future by the Underigned, under the style of MAITLAND & Co., and Mr JOHN GRAHAM PURDON is authorized to sign the firm.

J. A. MAITLAND.

Shanghai, Jan. 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

REFERRING to the foregoing advertisement, our Firm at Shanghai is temporarily closed from this date; its outstanding business will be attended to by Mr. JOHN G. PURDON, to whom all communications should be addressed.

Our Firm and business at Hongkong, Foochow, and Canton, will be carried on as heretofore, the interest and responsibility of Mr. JOHN G. PURDON remaining therein unchanged.

PURDON & Co.

China, Jan. 1, 1876. fe10

INTIMATIONS.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE

"SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE,"

IT WILL BE THE CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA and as a large

INCREASE OF CIRCULATION MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE

ADVANTAGE TO ADVERTISERS IS OBVIOUS.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 53.

CHINA SEA.

TAKOW DISTRICT.

FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE, PESCADORES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the new Light on the S. W. extremity of Fisher Island near Little Point was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 20th December. The new Tower has been erected near the old stone one which has since been removed.

The Illuminating apparatus is fixed Dioptric, of the Fourth Order, showing a white light visible all round except where obscured by the islands.

The Light is elevated 205 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather, it should be visible at a distance of 15 nautical miles.

The Tower is round, of iron, 20 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern of 88 feet.

The Tower is painted black, and the dwellings and boundary wall will be painted white.

Approximate position:—Latitude, N. 23° 32' 53". Longitude, E. 119° 28' 17".

By order of the Inspector General of Customs.

DAVID M. HENDERSON, Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Amoy, December 26, 1875. fe18

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

THE following Gentlemen have been appointed as a CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE in London:—

A. H. PHILLIPS, Esq., Director of London and County Bank.

E. F. DUNCANSON, Esq., of Messrs T. A. Gibbs & Co.

ALBERT DRACON, Esq., of Messrs E. & A. DASSON.

SAN FRANCISCO AGENCY.

Mr W. H. HARRIS has been appointed Special Agent for the Corporation in San Francisco, and he has established himself at No. 405, California Street, in that City, where all descriptions of Agency Banking Business will be conducted.

MANILA AGENCY.

Mr C. J. BARNES has been appointed Special Agent for the Corporation in Manila, and he has established himself at No. 7, Square of San Gabriel, in that City, where all descriptions of Agency Banking Business will be conducted.

By order of the Court of Directors, JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 6, 1876. ja20

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the City Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of January, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

By order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875. ja24

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 11th to the 24th day of January, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875. ja24

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER 1875, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 17, 1876. fe17

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th February Next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 17, 1876. fe17

Entertainments.

BURRA KHUBER.

PUNDIT DAVEE KAREEN, B.A.S.S.

ORIGINAL BENGAL BAZOO.

GRADUATE OF VERNACULAR COLLEGE.

RADRA BANAAR, CALCUTTA.

Professor of Hindustani, Dak Ghazals, Mystery of Box, Et gongous of hook in homo and Maltan in parvo, (Language of Latin Races).

Will shortly again appear, and have honour of making Exhibition of Wonderful Feet in.

Singing of the Voice.

JOKATIVES OF ORIGINAL VIRTUE.

CHAKING OF THE BRAIN.

DANCING OF PEDAL EXTREMITIES.

MANIPULATION OF ON BOVIRUS.

AND AMALGAMATION OF SERIOUS LUDICROUSNESS.

For which your humble Petitioner will ever more pray.

INTIMATIONS.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT requests those of his Friends and Patrons with unfinished work, and those requiring his services, to call at their earliest convenience, as he expects to be absent from the Colony professionally after the 1st of February until further notice.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED on the 1st February next, after which date no further transfer of shares will be made.

ADOLF ANDRE, F. D. SASSOON, Liquidators.

Hongkong, January 10, 1876. ja31

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

THE Post of Secretary being about to become vacant, applications for the same addressed to the Chairman will be received up to the 26th Instant. Salary \$1,500 per annum.

Hongkong, January 13, 1876.

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 17th AND 28th MARCH, 1848.

—and—

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 26th JULY, 1854, AND 31st DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

France. \$ Sterling.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 3,200,000

RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.

LONDON AGENCY.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENCIES.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balance, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHER DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, May 14, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 1,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—AD. ANDRE, Esq.

Deputy Chairman.—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

E. B. BELLING, Esq. A. McIVER, Esq.

J. F. COOPER, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

H. HOFFMANN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GREIG, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 14, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1876, at Noon, at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road,—

The Schooner Yacht

"LOITERER,"

44½ Tons, as she now lies at anchor at her Moorings in this harbour (off the Parade Ground).

The Vessel can be inspected, and Particulars of her Inventory, &c., can be obtained from the Underigned.

Afterwards, at the same time and place,—

The MOORINGS, &c., will be Sold in one lot.

And, One Screw MOORING, of 10 owt. screwed down, 3 fathoms, with 15 fms. 2 in. Chain Bitts, Swivel and Buoys, situated off the Messageries-Maritimes Office.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Jan. 10, 1876. ja22

Shipping.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HOGO.

The Steamship *"BENEDI"*, due shortly from London and Singapore, will be despatched as above on or about the 21st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents S. S. "Benedi."

Hongkong, January 18, 1876. ja31

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on and after **TUESDAY** Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of:—
Winter Costumes and Polonaises.
Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.
Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.
Wool Plaids and Flannels.
Silks and Poplins.
Wool Shawls and Cloaks.
Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.
Fancy Wool Goods.
Lace and Linen Sets.
Scarves and Sashes.
Boys' Suits.
Children's Dresses.

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

COMPOSITION PAINT, For Ships' Bottoms.
Sole Agents for China, **F. BLACKHEAD & Co.**
Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO CARTE
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts, 45 per case (1 dozen).
Pints, 18 (2-11)
8 per cent discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKY.
12 per case (1 dozen).
For Sale by **HEARD & Co.**
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.
Agents,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

FOR SALE.

FRESH TAKASIMA COAL, in lots to suit purchasers. Large, Handpicked, Double-screamed at \$8 per Ton. Small, at \$9 per Ton.
Apply to **T. G. GLOVER,**
No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point,
Hongkong, December 8, 1875.

ON SALE.

THE CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.
BY **WILLIAM FREDERICK MATTHEWS.**

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, Historical, Mythological and General Literary References,
BY **WILLIAM FREDERICK MATTHEWS.**
Price: \$3.
Shanghai,.....**KELLY & Co.**
Hongkong,.....**"CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.**

Intimations.

PATENT SLIP & DOCK CO.
AND
NOVELTY IRON WORKS.
No. 32, PRATA WEST.
Machine, Boiler, and Blacksmith's Shop,
Iron and Brass Foundry.

THE Undersigned is now prepared to take on large Vessels for Painting and Re-coopering, also large Repairs to Hulls and Machinery &c.
A large assortment of Spars and Lumber, Iron and Copper Plates, Iron and Brass Rods, Pitch, Oakum and Felt, Sheathing Metal and Nails, Rivets, Screw Bolts, and Wood Screws always on hand.

BOATS AND SKEEL LAUNCHES BUILT TO ORDER.
H. C. BAILIE, Manager.
Office, Novelty Iron Works,
PRATA WEST, Hongkong.
Hongkong, July 23, 1875. 1a26

NOTICE.

In the Goods of GEORGE BARTY FALCONER, Deceased.
ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned, on or before the 29th Day of February, 1876, after which date no Claims will be recognized.
And all Persons being indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment.

L. B. FALCONER,
Administrator.
Hongkong, December 8, 1875. 1a26

PILOTAGE.

VESSELS inward bound can secure Pilotage from Reel Island, from this date. Outward bound Vessels can secure **FIRST CLASS PILOTS** by applying to the Undersigned at Prata Central, No. 29. The Pilot-boat's Flag is No. 3 at the Main-mast.
H. F. STUART,
Hongkong, April 5, 1876. 1a26

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Steamship
"LEYTE,"
Captain ZUBIARQUE, will be despatched, as above, on **SATURDAY**, the 22nd Inst., at 11 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to **A. MACG. HEATON,** Agent.
Hongkong, January 19, 1876. 1a22

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain BURNS, will be despatched for the above Ports on **SUNDAY**, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAUREN & Co.,** Agents.
Hongkong, January 19, 1876. 1a26

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
"CHEOPS,"
expected here about the 23rd Instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,** Agents.
Hongkong, January 19, 1876.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on
FRIDAY,
the 21st January, 1876, at Noon:—
Sauce, Pickles, Iron Bolts, Chains, Files, Hearth Rugs, Clocks, Penholders, Gray Shirtings, Copying Press, Scales, 20 cases Jules Robin's Cognac, 5 quarter casks Port Wine, 8 cwt. Hubbards' Green Paint, And Sundry other Goods.

An Assortment of Canton Porcelain Ware.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1876. 1a21

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Jan. 19, *Cephera*, from Whampoa.
Jan. 19, *Gaio*, British steamer, 2653, W. H. Ridley, San Francisco Dec. 18, Yokohama Jan. 11, General.—O. & O. S. N. Co.
Jan. 19, *Thingalla*, Dan. steamer, 1877, A. Morris, Saigon Jan. 14, Rice.—Wm. Puerst & Co.
Jan. 19, *Nahor*, Austrian barque, 740, Fransosovich, Cardiff July 18, Coal.—ORDEN.
Jan. 19, *Deus Freres*, French barque, 886, E. M. Hilly, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Nov. 28, Coal.—P. M. S. S. Co.
Jan. 19, *Rajah*, British steamer, 865, Hanson, Swatow Jan. 18, General.—H. H. Hing.
Jan. 19, *Yungching*, Chinese steamer, 651, Gibbon, Shanghai Jan. 15, Swatow 18, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.
Jan. 19, *Vendick*, Russian corvette, 1069, Novosilsky, Loochoo and Nagasaki Jan. 1.

DEPARTURES.
Jan. 19, *Ocean*, for Saigon.
Jan. 19, *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, &c.
Jan. 19, Chinese gunboat *Shun-che*.
Jan. 19, *Cephera*, for New York.
Jan. 19, *Chevic*, for Bangkok.

CLEARED.
Queen of the Fleet, for Bangkok.
Altona, for Shanghai.
Alva, for Bombay.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.—Per *Thingalla*, 8 Chinese.
Per *Gaio*, 1 European and 240 Chinese.
Per *Rajah*, 78 Chinese.
Per *Yungching*, 20 Chinese.
DEPARTED.—Per *Kwangtung*, 8 cabin and 150 Chinese.
TO DEPART.—Per *Kashgar*, for Singapore, Mr and Mrs Mackie and native servant, one Portuguese and one Chinese.
Per *Penang*, one Chinese and 3 children.
Per *Calcutta*, Mrs Van Buren, Miss Van Buren, Master Van Buren, Mrs J. S. Christie, Jr., and Mrs J. H. Collins. For Southampton, Quarter-Master Sergeant R. Bruce, Lieut. G. A. Haseltine and O. H. Herring, and Mrs J. Wilkinson. For Venice, Mrs J. Harma.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The Danish steamer *Thingalla* reports strong winds and heavy sea the first three days, since then to port moderate and fine weather.
The Austrian barque *Nahor* reports generally fine weather throughout.
The French barque *Deus Freres* reports N.W. winds to the Equator, since then N. and N.E. to port with much rain. Between Fiji and New Caledonia had strong gales. On Sunday the 18th instant carried away foretopmast.
The British steamer *Rajah* reports light fresh monsoon with heavy weather. In Swatow steamers *Douglas*, *Yungching*, and Chinese cutter *Chen-ko*. H.M.S. *Frodo* left on the 17th.
The Chinese steamer *Yungching* reports fresh monsoon with rainy weather throughout the passage.

CARGO.
Per *Kashgar*, for London, 885 bales Raw Silk, 74 bales Waste Silk, 38 Boxes Silk Piece Goods. For Continent, 800 bales Raw Silk, and 2 bales Potage. For New York, 18 bales Raw Silk. For Boston, 478 half-casks Tea. For India, 1,600 pkgs. Tea, and 200 pkgs. Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS with cross:
For **SWATOW**, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 20th Instant.
For **SAIGON**, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 20th Inst.
For **MANILA**, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 22nd Instant.
For **SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW**, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 22nd Inst.
For **HONGKONG**, at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Inst.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Contract Packet *KASHGAR* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on **THURSDAY**, the 20th Inst.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 19th Inst.
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 20th Inst.
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents to extra Postage until 11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.
11.50 a.m., Posting on Board ceases.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *AMAZONE* will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 27th January, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles, to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Australia, and New Zealand, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 20th Jan.
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 27th Jan.
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

General Post Office.
Hongkong, January 19, 1876. 1a27

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet *GARLITO* will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 2nd February, at 8 p.m. with the Mails for Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom.
The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.
Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition to the Postage.
The prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.
Correspondence addressed to Yokohama, and the United States must be super-scribed per *Gaio*, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be super-scribed "via San Francisco."
ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, Jan. 18, 1876. 1a3

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Jan. 21:
Daylight.—*Hailong* leaves for Swatow. *Benedi* leaves for Yokohama and Hiogo on or about this date.
Goods per *Priam* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Anadyr* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
SATURDAY, Jan. 22:
11 a.m.—*Leyte* leaves for Manila.
Noon.—Sale of the Schooner Yacht *Letter of the Parade Ground*.
SUNDAY, Jan. 23:
Daylight.—*Douglas* leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Fochow.
MONDAY, Jan. 24:
8 p.m.—Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, Limited, at the City Hall.
Sarpedon leaves for London on or about this date.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28:
8.50 p.m.—Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, at Hongkong Hotel building.
MONDAY, Jan. 31:
Claims against the Estates of Seth Avist Seth, Johannes Christian Bobbsen, Von Tsee, Henry Stroud, Ah-yong, George Munro, Daniel Norton, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.
TUESDAY, Feb. 1:
The Transfer Books of the Victoria Fire Insurance Company of Hongkong Limited, in Liquidation, will be closed from this date.
THURSDAY, Feb. 3:
8 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Gaio* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
Transfer Books of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, closed from this date to 17th February, inclusive.
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8:
8 p.m.—Sale of Building Materials on Military Cantonment, at Stanley Barracks.
FRIDAY, Feb. 15:
8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
THURSDAY, Feb. 17:
8 p.m.—Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—*Altona* leaves for Shanghai.
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Ulysses leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.
Meeting.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19, 1876.

THAT Sir Thomas Wade "disapproves" of the tone of Li Han Chang's memorial regarding the Yunnan affair may be very satisfactory, but the announcement gives rise to some curious speculations. What on earth did Sir Thomas suppose would be the result of sending Li to Yunnan? So experienced a diplomatist, so great an authority on Chinese ways of doing things, was surely too wary to have been led to believe that any practical result would accrue from Li's mission. Like the rest of the world, we supposed that Sir Thomas Wade freely knew what he was about, that he expected to find precisely the course of action followed by the Commission which has just been made public, but that he intended in some wonderful way to insist on justice being done all the same. That Li's memorial can have come upon him as a surprise is incredible. Yet this is gravely asserted by the correspondents of two papers, and the statement has probably a substratum of fact. If so, the last shred of diplomatic ability credited to Mr. Wade must be denied him. A British minister who could believe that a native commissioner sent to investigate an outrage which occurred in an outlying province eight months before would have either the courage or opportunity to arrive at the truth has arrived at a state of mental incapacity which renders him unfit for his post. Sir Thomas Wade is in one of two positions. Either he did not expect Li Han Chang to write as he has done, in which case he has been made a fool of; or he did expect such a result, and in that case has taken what we have always called a most peculiar view of his duties.

Assuming, for the sake of argument, that the assertion about the Minister's opinion is untrue, we cannot conceive in what way he hopes to vindicate his character as a negotiator. Let us admit that he fully expected every effort would be made to evade anything like proper action; that the so-called enquiry would be a sham, and that China would successfully shelter her guilty officials from anything like a proper investigation into their conduct. In what way did he expect to gain the satisfaction he was instructed to obtain? We are told by northern correspondents that the minister "has good cause for what he is doing," that "it would be inexpedient to let the public know what was being done," and a good deal more rubbish of the same sort. We have tried to believe them—and failed. It has been hinted to us that behind all the negotiations our representative has the power of declaring instant war; that such a declaration, if made, will be fully endorsed by the Government; that all this delay is merely submitted to in the hope, cherished solely by Sir Thomas Wade himself, that the Chinese will eventually see the folly of opposing our demands; and that if a certain period be exceeded without satisfaction being given, war is as certain as the rising of to-morrow's sun. Well, this explanation may be true. But what will have been gained by the delay which Sir Thomas Wade's suggestion has been accorded? Simply, that the first dread of our vengeance will have passed away. Meanwhile China is arming herself in her feeble way, and though that will make no essential difference to our final success, it makes more bloodshed consequent on her increased confidence in her own resources.

Put in the most concise manner the actual difference between Sir Thomas Wade and the foreign public in China appears to be this: The latter believed that China would never give adequate satisfaction for Mr. Margary's murder unless forced to; and feeling sure that no amount of delay would benefit the matter, urged speedy and decisive measures to obtain it. Sir Thomas, on the other hand, could not give up his belief in Chinese well-meaningness, and begged that they might have time accorded them. This has been done, and we are now seeing the first fruits of the concession. We shall be much mistaken if a very few months does not see us at war with China.

We cannot help again drawing attention to the utter absence of any endeavour to enforce some sort of decency on the part of Chair-coolies. The advent of the cold weather has of course necessitated their taking to winter clothing, which amongst that class of Chinese means quilted jackets in more or less disrepair. We yesterday noted one of these worthies in a jacket which was positively repulsive, the cotton stuffing hanging out in a way that converted its ragged covering into a yet more offensive object. Now, we cannot see what possible objection there can be to insisting upon outward tidiness. Let blue suits or brown be chosen, but let them be uniform, and let thorough care be taken to enforce their being neither ragged nor dirty to an offensive degree. We would also suggest that every chair-coolie be required to wear a badge on his arm inscribed with the words "Licensed chair-coolie." It often happens that one of the proper coolies belonging to a chair goes away and gets some weak-backed friend to officiate for him. The least uphill work tries the substitute, and a dispute then ensues with the fare. Of course the badge system will not provide against this altogether, but it will lessen the chances of incompetent coolies engaging themselves, and at all events the great thing is to make the chair-bearers feel that they are looked after. Why we should tolerate in Hongkong what would not be allowed in any other city we know of, is puzzling. The reason is, we suppose, that a government official looks after such matters in place of a municipal council.

NEARLY every popular outcry follows the well-known simile of the spring which when released flies back, not merely to its normal position, but to some point beyond it. There is therefore nothing very remarkable in the fact that the much-exercised mind of tea-drinking Europe is beginning to discover that gypsum and prussian blue are rather beneficial than otherwise to the leaves thus coated. As it happens this rebound in public opinion is better founded than the original prejudice in the opposite direction. A home contemporary draws attention to the use made of gypsum in checking the undue fermentation of wine, nearly all sherry being thus treated. The detractors of sherry so prepared, says the paper we are quoting, "can scarcely be aware that the superiority of Burton bitter beer is owing to the large amount of gypsum contained in the water of the Trent, and that quite as much of this innocuous substance enters into a pint and a half of that excellent beverage as into any bottle of sherry in existence. In one respect gypsum acts, with regard to the fermentation of beer, precisely in the same way as it acts with reference to that of wine—that is to say, it checks over-activity by counteracting the influence of the excess of nitrogenous matter present alike in wort and must; which troubles bitter-beer brewers in the form of gluten and the Jerez wine-growers in the shape of albumen." It does not, however, appear that gypsum acts chemically in the matter of tea. Its effect when dusted on the newly dried leaf is simply mechanical. By protecting it from the action of moisture while on voyage it prevents fermentation and the amount used being infinitesimal, it is even mechanically innocuous. The action of the prussian blue is of course simply that of a dye, and for this there may possibly be no excuse. But no proof has ever been advanced that in the quantities used it has done harm, and that being so it is no worse than cochineal, which as everybody knows is used to colour a good many articles served up at the table. This being the case the outcry against coloured teas seems to be rather malapropos, and the action of the Home Customs in forbidding the importation of coloured teas amounts to stopping the trade in green teas. However purely green they may be when purchased, the action of the sea air will turn them black while in *quids* homes. It seems strange that the leading tea-houses do not urge these facts upon official attention.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.
The Press remarks that it is gratifying to learn, on the authority of His Excellency Sir Arthur Kennedy, that the new school houses will be commenced before very long. The necessity for them was again made strikingly apparent yesterday, there not being room enough for those present. Adverting to the results of the education given, it says "that the boys have not derived the benefit intended in all cases is entirely due to the fact that many of the parents or other guardians will not allow the lads to remain long enough to enable them to acquire a thorough knowledge of the different branches of study taught." Remark that Sir Arthur did not touch

on the religious question, in his speech, it reminds Roman Catholics that they are under no obligation to keep their children there. But, it asks, "What would be the result? Simply, as Sir Arthur Kennedy pointed out, that the Chinese would be the better educated nationality. The consequence of this would, again, be that many of the ports which have always been filled by Portuguese, would, in the course of time, be occupied by the more perfectly educated Chinese. This is a result not to be desired, but it is a contingent possibility Portuguese parents will do well not to overlook. They have duties to perform to their children as well as to the Church, and if the hierarchy make claims, the admission of which would be inconsistent with these parental obligations, let them not hesitate to refuse them." The Press concludes by some very just criticism on St. Saviour's School, which it says does not even compare with St. Stephen's. "Yet this is the school to which Bishop Raimondi has used such strenuous efforts to divert pupils from the Central School!"

THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS.
The Chinese Mail comments on the article of the *China Mail* on the Macao question. It says China is now free from any internal rebellion and that she can bring to bear a large force if called on to fight. If she could send a large army to Kaohgar, surely she could muster a good force in regard to Macao. As a solution of the question, it recommends that Macao should be made a treaty port, and be held by Portugal as a foreign concession, the same as Shamen in Canton or as the Foreign Settlement in Shanghai and elsewhere. This course will relieve the Emperor of the responsibility of dismembering any part of his territory, and, at the same time, give Portugal practically all that she requires. It urges China to settle this question, either one way or the other, without loss of time.

The *Chung Ngai San Po* (the Chinese issue of the *Daily Press*) is rather dubious of the rumour that it was the intention of the new Viceroy of the Two Kwang, Sheen-poon chen, to discontinue the subsidy to the C. M. S. S. Company.

The *Universal Circulating Herald* comments on the Korean question. It thinks China should interfere.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Schooner Yacht *Letter*, will be sold on 28th inst.

We note that the *Gaio* is to be despatched (as per advertisement) on the 3rd Feb., instead of the 1st, at usual.

We learn that the new Viceroy of Canton had taken over the seals of office yesterday. They were unsealed for the purpose, and are to be ressealed on the 20th, after being formally handed over to him.

Dr. J. FLEMING CARRON, who arrived in the P.M.S.S. Co's *China*, will take charge of the Medical Missionary Society's Hospital in Canton. Dr. Kerr intends to return to America for the education of his children.

At the Marine Court to-day Ho Tai, master of the junk *Tai-Lai*, was charged by J. J. Callago, assistant Inspector of junks, with leaving the harbour without a clearance on the 15th Dec. and was fined \$3 or 6 days' imprisonment.

A good many people are asking when judgment will be delivered in the case of Bonoske Sonchay & Co. versus the trustees of Augustine Heard & Co. There is a general opinion that sufficient time has elapsed for its delivery.

We are glad to observe that the Supreme Court has been fitted with a stove in the neighbourhood of the jury box. The few cold days of a Hongkong winter will therefore in future prove less inconvenient both to the Court and Jurors.

The fine of ten cents inflicted on the coolies who yesterday mobbed Stunghee seems absurdly small, and will not we fear have much effect in deterring coolies in future from similar conduct. Most of them would willingly pay that amount to wreak their vengeance on a man who they thought had cheated them. They should be made to learn that the Registrar General is the proper channel for any complaint and that rioting will be put down with a strong hand. Filing them ten cents is very like saying "Don't do it again till next time."

The Russian sailors still continue to get intoxicated during the working hours of the day and, though far less troublesome than they were a short time since, are very often in the way. One nearly got run over yesterday, and in addition to risking his own bones narrowly escaped frightening the horse which might have sacrificed a still more valuable life. Really the hours for getting drunk should be restricted to from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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" Feet, " 120 110

" Fry, " 110 100

" Head, " 110 100

" Heart, " 70 50

" Kidneys, " 70 60

" Liver, lb. 120 110

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" Corned, " 150 140

" Leg, " 150 140

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